(c) whether Hotels and shipping have been taken out of MRTP scope; if so, details of decision and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (c) The latest measure taken under MRTP Act, 1969 is the issue of a notification exempting the following industries from the requirement of obtaining approval under the said Act:—

1. Shipping Industry;
2. Hotel Industry;
3. Delicensed Industries.

The exemption has been notified in exercise of the powers vested in the Central Government under Section 22A of the MRTP Act, 1969.

The basic approach behind the measure is to channelize investment by the large industrial houses in the above industries which are either capital intensive in nature or are prone to risk or involve sophisticated technology or would result in the development of no-industry districts in the country.

(b) In order to afford protection to the indigenous capital goods industry, imports of capital goods are generally considered only if such items of equipment are not available indigenously. Possibilities of affording relief to indigenous capital goods industries in the context of reduction of import duty applicable to project imports are being explored.

Report of Jaswant Singh Commission

811. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 101 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the Report of the Jaswant Singh Commission with regard to setting up of a separate Bench of the Allahabad High Court in Western Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and location identified for the Bench; and

(c) what are the number of vacancies of Judges and of pending cases in this High Court and what are the reasons for delay in filling up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Report of the Jaswant Singh Commission is still under consideration of the Government. It is not possible at this stage to indicate the details about the report and action proposed to be taken in this regard.

(c) The number of vacancies of permanent and Additional Judges in the Allahabad High Court is 13 as on 27-2-1986. The matter of filling these vacancies is engaging the attention of the Government in consultation with concerned constitutional authorities.

The total number of cases pending in the Allahabad High Court as on 30th June, 1985 was 2,42,379.

Judges heading various Commissions

812. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court who are heading various commissions as on 31st January, 1986;

(b) what is the number of sitting Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court as on 31st January, 1986;

(c) whether Government have studied the impact on the arrears of pending cases by assigning the sitting Judges to various Commissions appointed by the Central and State Governments; and